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No. 140

H.P. 109

House of Representatives, January 11, 1999

**An Act to Require Insurance Companies to Notify the Secretary of State
When the Insurance on a Registered Vehicle has Lapsed.**

Reference to the Committee on Transportation suggested and ordered printed.

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Joseph W. Mayo".

JOSEPH W. MAYO, Clerk

Presented by Representative MacDOUGALL of North Berwick.
Cosponsored by Representative PINKHAM of Lamoine,
Senator MacKINNON of York and
Representatives: GLYNN of South Portland, LEMONT of Kittery, MACK of Standish,
SNOWE-MELLO of Poland, WHEELER of Eliot, Senator: LIBBY of York.

Be it enacted by the People of the State of Maine as follows:

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Sec. 1. 29-A MRSA §1611, sub-§3, as enacted by PL 1993, c. 683, Pt. A, §2 and affected by Pt. B, §5, is amended to read:

3. Maintenance of insurance. The owner or owners of any vehicle subject to this section shall maintain at all times the required amount of insurance or bond during the term of the vehicle's registration. For vehicles registered in this State, the Secretary of State shall immediately suspend or revoke, pursuant to chapter 23, the registration certificate and registration plates of any vehicle for which the insurance or bond in the amounts required is not maintained. Any person whose registration certificate, registration plates and operating authority license have been suspended or revoked pursuant to this section shall immediately return the registration certificate, registration plates and the operating authority license to the Secretary of State. An insurance company that becomes aware of a client who allows the insurance to lapse, cancels the insurance or in any way fails to meet the requirements of this section for a motor vehicle registered in this State immediately shall notify the Secretary of State of this occurrence with the identity of the motor vehicle owner and the registration number of the motor vehicle. For vehicles not required to be registered in this State, the Secretary of State shall suspend the person's operating authority license or right to operate in this State.

SUMMARY

This bill requires insurance companies to notify the Secretary of State if an insured person allows the insurance to lapse on a motor vehicle.